GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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RECOMMENDATION ON MTCT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee appointed by NACO on Mother-to-Child-Transmission (MTCT) has submitted its report and recommendation;

(b) if so, whether NACO and his Ministry have accepted its recommendations; and

(c) the time by when it would be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the recommendations of the Committee the National AIDS Control Organization has completed phase 1 of the feasibility study on prevention of Mother to Child transmission using short course regimen of Antiretroviral drug AZT (Zidovudine) in 11 institutions in the country located in 5 High prevalence States namely Maharashtra(5), Tamil Nadu (3), Andhra Pradesh (1), Karnataka (1) and Manipur (1). The phase II of the feasibility study using single dose nevirapine both to HIV positive mother and baby pair has been started from 1st October, 2001.